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Westinghouse Savannah River Company Maintains Top DOE Safety Award

AIKEN, S.C., (Jan. 27) – The Savannah River Site's (SRS) contractor Westinghouse Savannah River Company (WSRC) has achieved STAR Status recertification, the highest level of safety recognition in the U.S. Department of Energy's Voluntary Protection Program (DOE-VPP).

The DOE-VPP mirrors the Occupational Safety and Health Organization Administration (OSHA) VPP and the purpose of the program is to recognize contractor organizations, like WSRC, that have excellent safety and health programs. In order to be recognized as a participant in the DOE-VPP, a contractor must demonstrate excellence in the following safety program areas: management leadership, employee involvement, worksite analysis, hazard prevention and control, and safety and health training.

In 2000, WSRC became the single largest employer in the DOE complex to achieve VPP recognition.

In 2003, WSRC demonstrated its strong safety performance by having the lowest injury frequency rates for Operations employees since 1992. The Company also earned its eighth President's Award by completing 10 million safe work hours and 176 safe days without a lost-time injury. The site's Construction Department employees achieved five consecutive years without a lost-time injury, and have completed over 12.5 million safe work hours.

Other significant safety accomplishments for WSRC Team employees include: The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Annual Commendation of Excellence Safety Award, Safety Performance Award from the South Carolina Department of Labor and Washington Group International Safe Facility of the Year Award.

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